2014 SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whitmire Community Elementary
NEWBERRY COUNTY
Grades: PK-5   Enrollment: 241
Principal: Joey L. Haney
Superintendent: Bennie Bennett
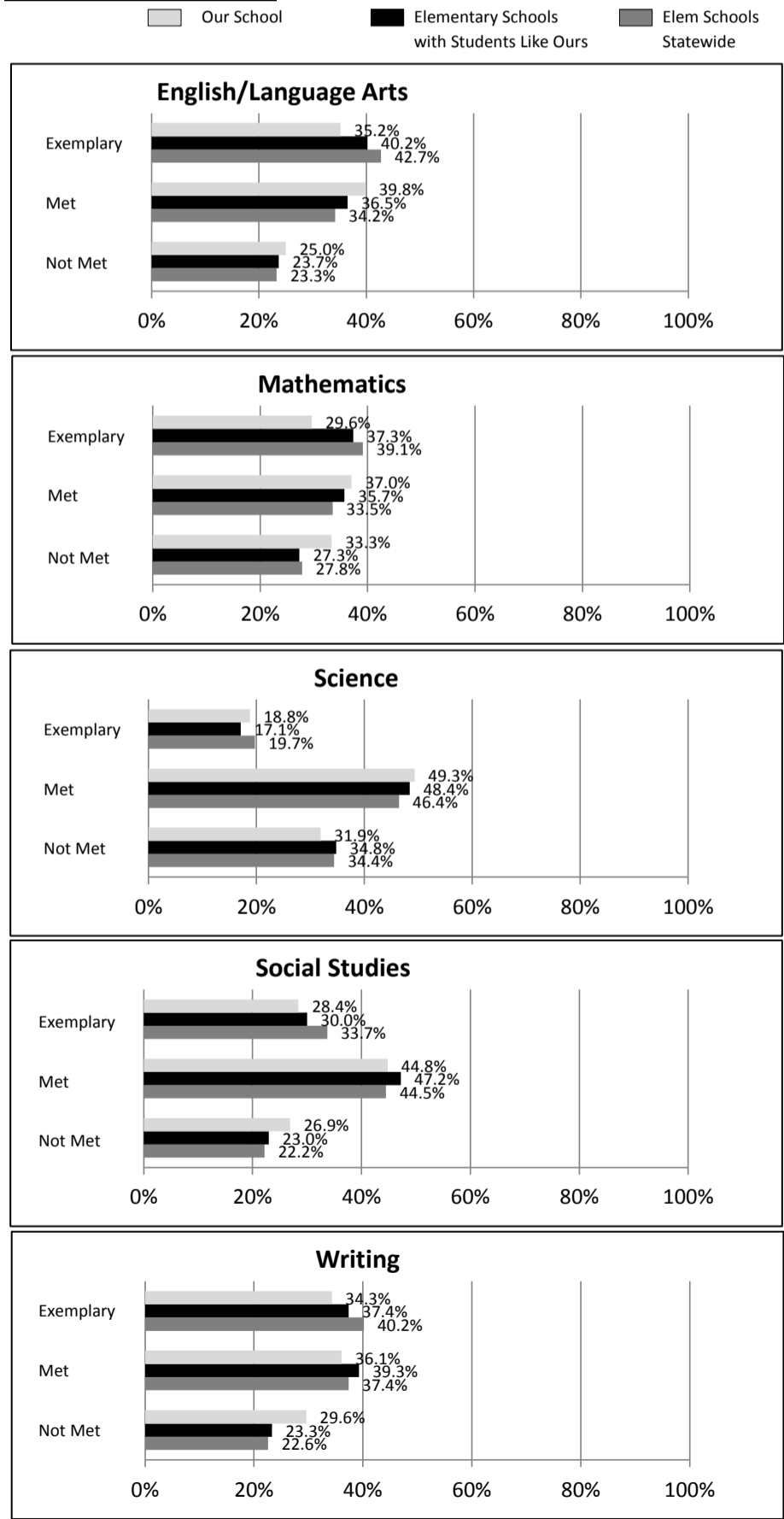Board Chair: Jody Hamm

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	B	Reward
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2012	Average	Good	SILVER	N/A	B	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

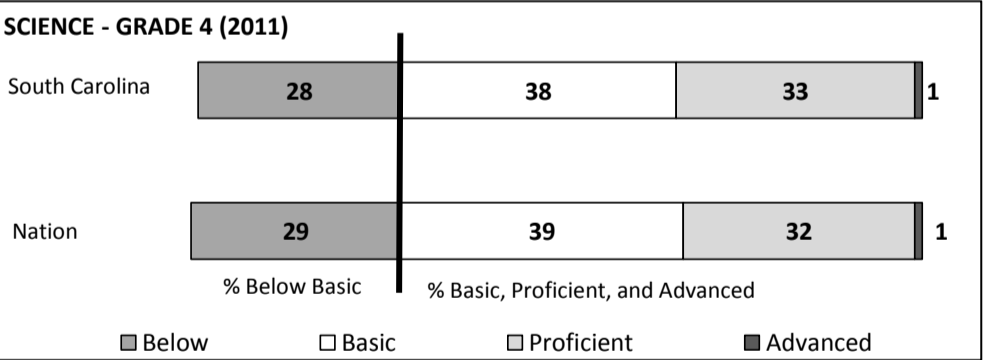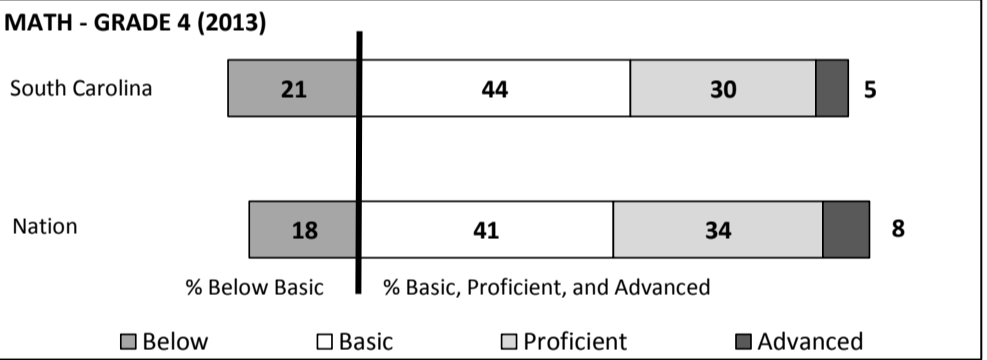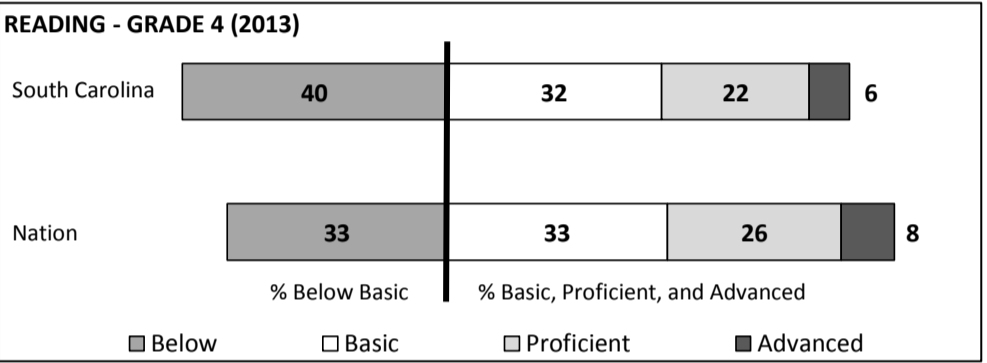| EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
25	34	68	4	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE

Legend: Our School | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Elem Schools Statewide

English/Language Arts

	Our School	With Students Like Ours	Statewide
Exemplary	35.2%	40.2%	42.7%
Met	39.8%	36.5%	34.2%
Not Met	25.0%	23.7%	23.3%

Mathematics

	Our School	With Students Like Ours	Statewide
Exemplary	29.6%	37.3%	39.1%
Met	37.0%	35.7%	33.5%
Not Met	33.3%	27.3%	27.8%

Science

	Our School	With Students Like Ours	Statewide
Exemplary	18.8%	17.1%	19.7%
Met	49.3%	48.4%	46.4%
Not Met	31.9%	34.8%	34.4%

Social Studies

	Our School	With Students Like Ours	Statewide
Exemplary	28.4%	30.0%	33.7%
Met	44.8%	47.2%	44.5%
Not Met	26.9%	23.0%	22.2%

Writing

	Our School	With Students Like Ours	Statewide
Exemplary	34.3%	37.4%	40.2%
Met	36.1%	39.3%	37.4%
Not Met	29.6%	23.3%	22.6%

NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 4 (2013)

	Below	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	40	32	22	6
Nation	33	33	26	8

% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

MATH - GRADE 4 (2013)

	Below	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	21	44	30	5
Nation	18	41	34	8

% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

SCIENCE - GRADE 4 (2011)

	Below	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	28	38	33	1
Nation	29	39	32	1

% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable   **N/AV**-Not Available   **N/C**-Not Collected   **N/R**-Not Reported   **I/S**-Insufficient Sample   **TBD**-To Be Determined

Whitmire Community Elementary
NEWBERRY COUNTY
SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 241)				
Retention rate	1.3%	Down from 1.9%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.1%	96.3%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.6%	Up from 5.7%	6.9%	7.3%
With disabilities	14.0%	Down from 14.1%	14.0%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.6%	Down from 1.8%	2.2%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 3.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 24)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 66.7%	60.2%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	87.5%	Up from 83.3%	83.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.5%	Up from 84.0%	89.0%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.7%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$46,199	Up 4.3%	$48,213	$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	18.1 days	Down from 18.5 days	10.8 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.2 to 1	Up from 17.3 to 1	20.0 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Down from 90.3%	90.1%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,618	Up 189.3%	$7,739	$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	40.0%	Down from 60.0%	65.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	39.5%	Up from 38.0%	64.9%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	87.1	Down from 95.9	84.3	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	11	41	25
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	90.3%	92.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	95.0%	96.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	45.5%	97.5%	84.0%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Whitmire Community School, embedded in the Sumter National Forest of northern Newberry County, offers a unique learning environment as a PreK-12 facility. The rural town of Whitmire is commonly known to residents and travelers as the Pearl of the Piedmont. WCS is an accredited institution according to the AdvancEd Standards for Quality.

The classroom instruction at WCS is based on South Carolina state standards with a focus on reading and writing instruction. Reading and writing instruction is integrated across all grade levels and content areas with a shared responsibility of all students, parents, and teachers. WCS promotes reading and writing throughout the school and community with programs and opportunities such as Family Message Journals, the Wee Delivery Postal System, author visits, Reading with the Wolverines, Reading with the Gamecocks, SC State Read-In, Read Across America Week, and Teen Read Week.

WCS continues to implement the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment program for grades 1-10 to measure student growth in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. The Leadership Team analyzes data and has meetings with grade-level teams and content-area teachers to discuss data, set goals, and decide on the best instructional strategies for students based on individual strengths and weaknesses. Goal-setting is based on data from the following: classroom assessments, Dominie, MAP, PASS, HSAP, and EOC. Computer software such as Odyssey and A+ is used for remediation, enrichment, and credit recovery. A daily enrichment period is scheduled for grades 3-8 along with Language/Math Lab classes for 9-12 students.

Professional development continues to focus on literacy, best practices, and instructional technology. Teachers are instructional leaders by sharing best practices and technology strategies with their peers. Staff members are required to meet technology requirements for professional development and recertification.

The WCS Nature Trail is a major addition to the campus. The goal of the trail is to provide learning opportunities in all grade levels and content areas in the great outdoors. Our school was able to build an outdoor classroom, purchase IPads for the Environmental Science class, and train all teachers in Project Learning Tree with the receipt of a US Forestry Grant.

WCS continues to promote student achievement and prepare all students to be Wolverines Committed to Success.

Joey L. Haney, Principal   Todd Johnson, SIC Chairman